

ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED REVISION TO SENATOR ERVIN'S
ROUGH DRAFT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO S. 782*

Proposed Amendment
by Senator Ervin

REVISION

EXPLANATION

Sec. 1(k), p. 8, line 5, after
the word "requests," strike
period and insert following:

" : Provided, however, That a
civilian employee of the United
States serving in the CIA, the
NSA, or the FBI may be accom-
panied by counsel, or by a
person of his choice who serves
in the agency in which the
employee serves, who has been
cleared as a good security risk
by that agency for the purpose
of the case. "

Sec. 1(k), p. 8, line 5, after
the word "requests," strike
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" : Provided, however, That a
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States serving in the CIA or the
NSA may be accompanied only
by a person of his choice who
serves in the agency in which
the employee serves or by
counsel who has been approved
by the agency for access to the
information involved. "

The revision was made for purposes of
clarification and does not change the
intent of the original wording. That
wording connotes a "security clearance"
a technical term involving a formal
process intended to control access to
classified information at a number of
different levels in an enduring work
situation. The suggested revision rep-
resents the more temporary and less
sweeping needs of the situation, while
still fully serving the objectives of the
original language.

* NOTE:

1. All references to the FBI have been deleted.
2. In addition to the proposed revisions of Senator Ervin's proposed amendments, a revision of section 1(a) of the bill has been proposed as follows:

On page 2, line 15, insert after the word "origin" the words "or citizenship" and after the word
"employee" the words "or person, or of his forebears . . .".

This revision recognizes that where citizenship is not a statutory condition of employment, it, as well as national origin, can be an important consideration in determining suitability for a particular assignment for employees and applicants, as can the citizenship or national origin of their forebears.

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Sec. 6, p. 19, at line 2, to read:

"a personal finding with regard to each grade or category of duties that such test or information is required to protect the national security."

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"a personal finding that such test or information is required to protect the national security."

The revision does not change the underlying concept authorizing a personal finding that tests or examinations are required to protect the national security. Further review of the original language indicates that a grade or category of duties criterion would result in the establishment of arbitrary standards which are unworkable in practical application.

Add a proviso to Sec. 7, p. 19, line 16. After words "Employee Rights:" insert the following:

"Provided further, however, That no civilian employee of the United States serving in the CIA, the NSA, or the FBI shall be permitted to invoke the provisions of sections 4 and 5 unless he has first complained in writing to the agency in which he serves about the threatened or actual violation of this Act and afforded such agency 120 days from the date of such complaint in which to prevent the threatened violation or to redress the actual violation; Provided further, however, That nothing in this Act shall be construed to affect any existing authority of the directors of the

Add a proviso to Sec. 7, p. 19, line 16. After words "Employee Rights:" insert the following:

"Provided further, however; That no civilian employee of the United States serving in the CIA or the NSA, and no applicant for employment with those agencies, and no individual or organization acting in behalf of such employee or applicant, shall be permitted to invoke the provisions of sections 4 and 5 without first submitting a written complaint to the agency concerned about the threatened or actual violation of this Act and affording such agency 120 days from the date of such complaint to prevent the threatened violation or to redress the actual violation:

The revision includes applicants and assures that they are afforded no greater freedom of action than employees; it also binds those acting for applicants and employees to the same procedural rules; provides for extension of the 120 days upon a personal finding by the director of CIA or NSA that more time is necessary to resolve the case; and makes technical change in the penultimate proviso to conform to 50 USC 833 which reposes the authority to terminate employees of NSA in the Secretary of Defense in the first instance with an authorized delegation to the director of NSA.

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Central Intelligence Agency under 50 USC 403(c), the National Security Agency under 50 USC 833, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation under 28 USC 536 to terminate the employment of any employee:" ...

Provided further, however, That the above period of 120 days may be extended if deemed necessary on a personal finding by the director of the agency involved: Provided further, however, That nothing in this Act shall be construed to affect any existing authority of the Director of Central Intelligence under 50 USC 403(c) and the authorities available to the National Security Agency under 50 USC 833 to terminate the employment of any employee:"...

On p. 19, line 20, add a new Sec. 8:

"Sec. 8. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to affect in any way the authority of the directors of the CIA, the NSA, or the FBI to protect or withhold government information pursuant to statute or executive order. The personal certification by the director of the agency that disclosure of any information is inconsistent with the provision of any statute or executive order shall be conclusive and no such information shall be receivable in evidence in any interrogation under section 1, subsection (k), or in any civil action under section 4, or in any proceeding or civil action under section 5.

On p. 19, line 20, add a new Sec. 8:

"Sec. 8. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to affect in any way the authority of the directors of the CIA or the NSA to protect or withhold information pursuant to statute or executive order. The personal certification by the director of the agency that disclosure of any information is inconsistent with the provision of any statute or executive order shall be conclusive and no such information shall be admissible in evidence in any civil action under section 4, or in any proceeding or civil action under section 5.

The revision deletes the word "government" in the phrase "government information" to eliminate any possible conflict over the various language, e.g., official information, military information, classified defense information, intelligence sources and methods, used in statute or executive order to describe the information to be protected; and removes, as unnecessary, the restraints on outside counsel receiving classified information during an interrogation under section 1(k).